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In re Application of)
LAL et al.) Art Unit: 1636
Application No. 09/890,551) Examiner: Marvich, M.
Filing Date: August 1, 2001) Confirmation No. 4683
For: METHOD AND REAGENTS FOR)
MOLECULAR DETECTION OF)
HIV-1 GROUPS M, N, AND O)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as indicated.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.